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OFFICER COOK



ASST CHIEF RAYBORN



OFFICER GARROW



CHIEF JOHNSON

The Elba Police Department reported a drug raid Tuesday night. They raided a house on Brunson Circle and arrested Danny Wade Golden, age 21, and Billy Wayne Bryan,

age 19. Both were charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, according to officers. Several other persons were

leaving the house at the time of the raid, but they were not charged. Officers said that after searching them they were released, "because we didn't see them in the house."

In other action, the local police arrested Grady D. (Buck) Harper on a charge of molestation of a child under 16. According to reports, the mother of a six-year-old girl signed the complaint.



POLICE CAR HAS BLOW-OUT IN FRONT OF CLIPPER - SPARE TIRE IS BALD YET IS RESULT OF HAVING TO "CUT EXPENSES"



## Myers Given 10 Years By Local Jury

A Circuit Court jury at the Elba Courthouse Tuesday found Billy Ray Myers, age 27, guilty of raping the 27-year-old sister of his wife. Myers was sentenced to 10 years in jail, minus time he has served in the county jail. Reports are that the conviction will be appealed.

## Council Postpones Tax Increase Action

The Elba City Council postponed action on an additional one-cent sales tax at the regular meeting Tuesday night. Any action on the added tax was postponed until after a budget has been submitted and approved by the council.

## Cancer Clinic Set For Last Of February

The Coffee County Health Department, Elba office, will be holding the monthly on-going Cancer Detection Clinic on Thursday, February 26, 1976, from 8:00 to 4:00.

Every patient will be taught self-breast examination and given a pap smear. Persons 35 years of age and above may also have a urine jet washing.

Statistics show that malignancies are found in one patient out of 100 of the pap smears and three out of 100 jet washings. Women 20 years old and above are urged to take advantage of this free service. Phone 897-2523 for an appointment.

The council instructed the city clerk to prepare the budget with the help of the auditor by the second meeting in March. The council is to adopt this or an amended budget at the second meeting in April.

The councilmen heard an appeal from Superintendent Elmer Taylor and school board members Sam Collier and Fred Clark for additional funds. They told the council of the additional personnel added and the favorable response from the citizens of Elba. Taylor urged that the council pass an additional sales tax and earmark part of it for the schools.

Mr. Tommy Rorie of General Telephone Co. explained to the council the things needed before his company could install toll free dialing between Elba, New Brockton and Enterprise. He said it would also increase everyone's bill several dollars.

A group of ladies who belong to the New Era Jr. Woman's Club visited the city council meeting to observe. Eleven members of the club visited for about an hour.

Police Chief Johnson reported that \$3,000 repairs were needed on the city hall to comply with the fire marshal requirements, and with OSHA standards. The city has been put on notice to complete these repairs.

Several members of the council were critical of the Rescue Squad, fire Department and Police Department for buying gasoline at local stations rather than using the City pumps. City Clerk Jack Prescott is again reminding them of this situation.

The council voted to issue a letter of appreciation to the Elba Rescue Squad for their action at the wreck Sunday night. The councilmen voted to pay current bills totaling \$8,176.76.



Women's Club Visits City Council meeting



Superintendent Taylor appeals for additional money for schools

## ACCIDENT SUNDAY NIGHT INVOLVES "ALL HANDS & THE COOK"



A car-truck accident near Wilkeston Sunday evening at 6:25 sent six people to the local hospital and taxed the capacity of local law officers, rescue workers and hospital facilities. The wreck occurred on a county road that dead-ends into Pike County several hundred yards past the point where County Road 82 dead-ends into it from the Troy Highway at Wilkeston. The actual site of the wreck was at the intersection of 82 with this county road.

Injured in the accident were Chip Helms, age 62, and his wife, Mildred, age 60, of Rt. 2, Glenwood; Randall A. "Sam" age 16; Danny Johnson, age 21; Jimmy Scarborough, age 16, all of Rt. 1, Elba; and John T. Brownlee, age 16, of Phenix City, Alabama. Mr.

Helms was driving a 1969 Chevrolet pickup truck, and Randall Johnson was driving a 1966 Chevrolet car. Helms was traveling South and Johnson was traveling North. Mr. and Mrs. Helms were enroute to supper with their son and his wife who lived about 200 yards from the scene of the accident. The youths had also just left home, and the father of the Johnson boys said they were just going to get some gas for their car. They had been working on the auto and had just got it running Saturday afternoon.

Three units of the Elba Rescue Squad responded to the emergency call, and one unit of the Troy Rescue Squad assisted. State Trooper R. W. Whitworth investigated the accident. He was assisted by Trooper Bill Phelps of Troy, and Coffee County Deputy Sheriff Joe Spurlin. The Elba Police Department also assisted.

The last rescue unit to leave the wreck scene was the Troy unit, and it suffered mechanical trouble enroute to the Elba hospital and bypassers jerked the battery out of a private truck, installed it in the ambulance, and the truck owner said, "Don't worry about it, I will get my battery back later." His truck was left beside the road until he acquired another battery.

When four rescue units pulled into the back parking lot of the hospital and nurses on duty summoned Administrator Jim Nichols. "Because we have a little problem up here, he thought it was another drill by the rescue squad, and was all set to suggest that drills not be set for Sunday night. After walking into the hall and seeing several bloody faces that had crashed into windows, Nichols realized it was no drill. He soon had to call in additional help just to answer the telephone calls inquiring about the accident.

Mrs. Helms was transferred to Dothan Sunday night where she remains in very critical condition. Randall Johnson was transferred to Dothan Sunday night with

internal injuries. His condition is described as serious. On Monday his brother, Danny Johnson, was also transferred to Dothan for treatment. His condition was not considered as serious, but the transferees of the strain on members of his family trying to stay with both boys.

A unit of the Enterprise Rescue Squad was dispatched to Elba to stand by in case of an additional emergency during the time the Elba squad was busy with the accident victims. Trooper Whitworth said Tuesday that no charges had been filed in the accident, and he declined to speculate about who was at fault in the wreck. Several ideas were repeated at the wreck scene Sunday night, but Whitworth said he had nothing to prove any of those stories.



POOR ORIGINAL







# ZCHS REBEL NEWS

Editors:  
Tracy Deal  
Margaret Pyrom

Paul White  
Advisor:  
Mrs. Sylvia Lowery



## What Is Your Opinion Of Corporal Punishment In School?

THOMAS ARNOLD: "No way, that should be done at home."

JET MOULTRY: "I think of a parent wants you to be spanked they'll do it before you come to school."

DEBBIE DAVIS: "I think if you were disciplined right at home you wouldn't need it at school."

DEBRA JONES: "I say if you need it you ought to have it." DONNA MCWATERS: "I think it's all right, but if people were raised right they wouldn't need a paddling."

RANDOLPH MOULTRY: "I think that is for your parents to do and not the teachers." SHIRLEY LIPTRON: "Heavy man, heavy." CINDY MCWATERS: "I think it depends on what the student has done."

JET MOULTRY: "I think if a parent wants you to be spanked they'll do it before you come to school."

REBEL RITINGS  
DENNIS JAMES  
Dennis is always true, they're beautiful eyes both green and blue.

He's got long brown hair I hope that will stay, but Dennis looks good any old way.

He's cute, he's handsome he's got a great stand, he'll be the best of any man.

WANDA WAMBLES 8th Grade  
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## Rebel To Remember

There's a cute 8th grade blonde who's always expending so much energy around Z.C. that you think a tornado had passed by. She's the one to see to get things accomplished whether it's cheering her team on or aiding a teacher. Always willing to accept responsibility, she does a good job of whatever she does. If you haven't guessed by now her identity, it's Melinda Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hayward Nelson of Route one Elba, and we're glad she has 4 years more with us at Z.C. for she is a Rebel to Remember!

## MOMENTS FOR MEDITATION

THE ETERNAL NOW  
We can never reach tomorrow, Yesterday is dead and gone, Yet the now of happy living Marches on and on and on.

So I do not see tomorrow And its worries, when I pray, But instead, I pray that Jesus Will stay close to me today.

It will keep me very busy, It will keep me happy too, If I work along with Jesus At the task He helps me do.

So I do not see tomorrow, For its needs I do not pray, Each tomorrow always brings Me just another glad today!

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BY THE EHS STUDENT COUNCIL

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What If....?  
Rhonda Bozeman got laryngitis. Fifth period Sociology didn't get so upset. Lulu made no Boo Boo. Mack King grew a mustache and a beard. 4-door was really what she's made out to be in Sociology. All the Elba girls didn't like all the Samson boys, and all the Elba boys like it simple - salt fish, beans and ground meat. More often than not, they had little or nothing.

Faculty CB Calls  
10-1 (Unable to copy) - I want all of you students to roll up your sleeves during this test.  
10-2 (Signal good) - Is that ref-erence signaling "time out" or is he giving me another technical?  
10-3 (Stop transmitting) - You students need to do LESS transmitting and a lot more TURNING IN.

10-4 (Acknowledgement) - Yes, I know you did real well winning the Tiger Tournament, but that's still not reason enough to turn out school for a week.  
10-5 (Relay) - You guys get that lunch count relayed to the lunchroom.  
10-6 (Busy) - Stop asking so many silly questions, can't you see I'm busy reading my daily Horoscope in today's paper.  
10-7 (Out of Service) - If you don't stop skipping so many classes, I'm going to put your "Back side" 10-7 with that paddle in the office.

10-8 (In Service) - I sure wish they would get my heater in my room fixed and 10-8 again. I'm getting tired of wearing these "long johns" to school every day.  
10-9 (Repeat) - Just 10-9 yesterday's assignment, I don't feel like making a new one for today.  
10-13 (Emergency) - 10-33, 10-33, the faculty coffee pot just blew up.

CUTEST COUPLE  
CINDI CREEL AND MICKEY WHITE

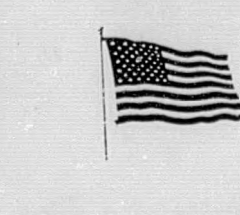
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Senior Of The Week  
PHYLLIS PRESCOTT

WELDING - Bobby Baker, Mark Danley, Mitch Davis, Max Fuller, Randy Grimes, David Haley, Darrell Holderfield, Mike Marler, Mike Nolin, Greg Prescott and David Sasser.

## An Editorial



### RESPECT TO THE FUTURE

In the near future, the Student Council will have a large Bicentennial flag put up in the front of the school. When this flag is erected and standing, I would hope no one would disfigure it.

The Student Council, the Vocational students and Mr. King worked very hard on this project.

The flag is a symbol of our country and we should respect it. So, if you have any ideas about taking a shot at disfiguring this flag - STOP! Think a minute, and ask yourself what this flag stands for. It's your flag also.

The Student Council hopes for this flag to stand for the day it is erected and till the last day of eternity.

## Bicentennial Spotlight

BY: BRENDA K. OGLESBY

Even in the best of times, the food soldiers ate during the Revolutionary period was simple - salt fish, beans and ground meat. More often than not, they had little or nothing.

Though the ration was crude and lacking in nutrition, the colonial soldier could not be of equal use if he furthermore, the food was rationed uncooked. This remained as the basic ration until the Civil War.

VICA Week In Elba  
Governor George Wallace has declared the week of February 8 - 14 Alabama VICA Week, and Elba Mayor Sam Sawyer has signed a proclamation declaring the special week.

VICA is the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, and is a youth organization of high school students enrolled in trade, industrial and technical education.

The main purpose of VICA is to develop the vocational development through a variety of planned activities and skill contests. The Elba chapter is made up of 63 members. They are training in the following areas: Automobiles, Welding, Nursing, Clerical, Food Distribution, Carpentry, Meat Cutting and other technical fields.

Officers at the Elba High School chapter are: President - Vicky Gallimore Vice-President - Bobby Baker Secretary - Sarah White Treasurer - Greg Farris Reporter - David Sasser Parliamentarian - Debbie Rhodes

Elba High School's Vocational Industrial Clubs of America will hold its annual Skills Contest and Open House at the Elba Area Vocational School at 6:00 p.m. on February 12. Citizens of Elba are invited to attend and enjoy refreshments, and observe the contestants in Welding, Automobiles and Nursing.

The students may compete in 34 different skill contests. If they win on the local and district level, they compete at the State Leadership Conference to be held this year in Birmingham, April 9 and 10. State winners go, expenses paid, to the National Conference to be held this year in Miami, Florida.

Mr. Charles Pearce is the local advisor at Elba High School.

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## FIRST GRADERS PRESENT "CHICKEN LICKEN"

Mrs. Swett's first-grade class presented the classic CHICKEN LICKEN last Friday to the first and second grade classes of the Elba Elementary School. Also present for the play was a large group of parents.

Chicken Licken, played by Darren Smith, didn't see things as they really were. He thought the sky had fallen on his head when it was only a pine cone.

His animal friends, Henry-Penny (Tammy Burkett), Cocky-Lucky (Rod Caldwell), Ducky-Lucky (Kevin Burke), Goosey-Loosey (Bruce Parrish), Turkey-Lurkey (Tony Phillips), and Foxy-Loxy (Patrick Norris), advised him to run and tell the king.

The king (Cedric Gibson) very wisely told Chicken Licken that the sky was not failing, but a pine cone had fallen on his head.

The other children, dressed as trees in the green, green woods were also singers. These were: Chris Blass, Susan McGrathhouse, Scott Brown, Dottie Young, Misty Whitehead, Billy Bullington, Daron Lowrey, Jean Huggins, Lashawne Russell, Tuffy Barnes, Donnie Farris, Tuffy Beebe, Janna Westbrook, Eugenia Brown, Paul Nelson and Kirby Cranford.

Due to sickness, Kim Boutwell, Lisa Mitchell and Melaine Barnes were not present for the program.

Susan McGrathhouse was the narrator. She told the story as it unfolded.

Mrs. Swett said the kids were "terrific!"

Words - -  
PREACHERMAN  
There is a man at Elba High, Who always speaks when he goes by. He has brown hair and eyes of green, You guessed it right - his name's Mack King.

He teaches democracy, economics, too. He is a preacher - it is so true. Sociology is his favorite class But he turns as red as a sinner at Mass.

He's always talking about his CB, He's looked up to his Honey Bee. He's got a girl that teaches there, too, Her name is Miss Griffin - he calls her Sue.

He wears a suit and tie every day, For - other teachers, that's more than I can say. On his desk sits a silly 8 ball It answers questions from wall to wall.

People are always asking it Questions about the love and marriage. But Mr. King doesn't seem to mind. For he knows in the 8 ball the answers they won't find.

In his desk is a cute little book Full of wise sayings and a device for people who love. Mr. King is a lot smarter than people think.

WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
/s/ Paul C. Krouse, Publisher

I know for a fact he has his Education Specialist Degree.

So if you see our teacher, Mack You'll know for a fact that you have seen A great friend and teacher, too. Mr. Mack King - we salute you!

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## EDITORIAL

When country called, they came. When God called they worshipped. And when there was a chance for the seniors of ZC to get out of class, they jumped at the chance!

W'd like to salute the Seniors on their voluntary donation of blood to the Bloodmobile recently. In an attempt to help the Elba area meet its quota and encouraged

by their sponsor, Mrs. Powell, who also made her donation, the following Seniors, unselfishly and bravely made the trip to contribute to a worthy cause: Donnie Redsole, Ricky

Turner, Anita Spear, Judy Rushing, Gail Davis, Jimmy Lambert, Boyd Killingsworth, Steve Egerton, Joe Hall, and Cheryl Campbell. Seniors, we're proud of you!

Eight Commandments for Teachers  
1. Thou shalt not attempt to make graven images of thy students, for it doth not work that way, for they are full of wriggling, whispering, giggling, and smart remarks.

2. Thou shalt not scream at them or tear thy hair, for verily thou shalt be calling their names in vain.

3. Remember thy weekends and vacations, for surely, if thou dost not, thou shalt end up in an insane asylum.

4. Remember that thou art the boss, verily thou must hold strong to this fact when the spithalls fly unto thee, and voices grow shrill.

5. Thou shalt not suffer any unkind thought to enter thy head, even when thou' stepped into chewing gum which had been discarded onto thy floor.

6. Thou shalt not lose thy sense of humor, for verily, without it thou art lost and doomed surely to beat out thy brains against the blackboard.

8. Honor thy boss, for verily, if thou dost not, thou shalt end up without a job.

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Superscription, I understand you fly a lot, is that correct? Yes, and that's without an airplane, I might add. And what would you say is your one greatest problem in flying? It is the jet fumes, the sonic booms, sub-zero temperatures, or what? The pigeons, yes, I'd definitely have to say the pigeons. Now's that, Superscription? Well, here I'm coming in for a landing at 250 knots and zap, a pigeon, right in the mouth. Yes, I can see that would be a problem. You'd better believe it. Takes my dentist all day, just to get the feathers out of my tooth.

If you have a problem, maybe Superscription can help. Come see him, and if you have a prescription, let him fill it, in a single bound.

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KRAZY KWESTION  
WHAP IS SOMETHING YOU CAN'T RESIST OR RESIST DOING?  
MRS. LOWERY: "Waving at the caboose of a train."  
BRENDA WALKER: "Squeezing Carmin."  
DONNA MCWATERS: "Biting my fingernails and smiling."  
THERESA JINRIGHT: "Joking people."  
CINDY MCWATERS: "Bathing my eye lashes."  
JET MOULTRY: "Staying in Brundage over the weekend."  
DEBRA JONES: "Going nuts whenever I see a good-looking boy."  
RANDOLPH MOULTRY: "Staying at home on Saturday night."

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## News From The Young Rebels

4th, 5th, and 6th grade students learn of the heritage of their country. Attractive bulletin boards help portray ideals and a sense of pride and loyalty to the greatness

of a nation and its founders. Pictured are Bill Baggett and the bulletin board in the reading classroom. Bill had a part in the work if this bulletin board.

boy's pet peeve is people who think they know everything and don't really know anything. When asked what he liked about Z.C. he stated, I like the people at Z.C. because of the way everyone gets along together. At Z.C. all you have to do is be a friend. Boyd believes the school could be improved by adding more room and offering more elective subjects.

As of now Boyd doesn't definitely know what his future holds, but he says he's just going to live one day at a time. From the Newspaper Editors - GOOD LUCK, BOYD!

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# SOCIETY

## Miss Davis, Mr. Farris To Wed



Sallie Faye Davis

Alice Brunson  
Named To  
Dean's List

Alice Brunson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brunson, 775 Brookside, had been named to the dean's honor roll for the 1975 fall semester at Abilene Christian College. Miss Brunson, a sophomore biology major, posted a 4.0 grade average. She is a 1974 graduate of Elba High School. She is one of 548 students who were enrolled in at least 12 hours and had a grade point average of at least 3.45 on a 4.0 scale.

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## Cynthia Daniels Engaged To Edward W. Sellers



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# DR. MC CREARY LEAVES THE LAB



"DOC" SITS WHERE SOME OF HIS WORK TOOK PLACE OVER THE PAST YEARS.



"Doc" and Ivo at their home near a blooming camellia bush, one of the many beautiful shrubs in their yard.

Dr. Virgil McCreary "pos- ed" probably his last animal at the Alabama Diagnostic Lab here last week - that is, he cut open and probed the insides of a dead calf that a farmer had brought in. By this routine act, he hoped to gain some evidence as to the reason the calf died.

The seasoned veterinarian and director of this state laboratory had been doctoring sick animals since his graduation from Auburn University in 1931, and indeed has been around animals and interested in them since boyhood.

Now he is retiring from all that.

Virgil D. McCreary, D.V.M. was born in the little community of Brooklyn in Escambia County. He grew up on his father's farm, situated near the Sepulga River, and it was here he learned about cows, horses, hogs, etc.

His life's story is aptly portrayed in a painting by Mrs. McCreary's cousin, Miss Anna Mantel of Montgomery. From the farm home, the next sequence shows his shingle out in Brooklyn, Alabama, where he tended "big and small" animals; this was after graduation from Auburn (then Alabama Polytechnic Institute) as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. He took care of the farmers' and other residents' veterinary problems in that area for about 30 years. Then, after a brief service as Poultry Lab Director in Albertville, he came to the "Elba Pig Clinic," as is humorously drawn into Miss Mantel's



DR. V. D. MC CREARY

delightful and interesting art work, when the Lab opened in 1962.

This State Diagnostic Lab is one of three in Alabama - the other two being located in Auburn and Albertville - and officially serves a 13-county area. However, there have been producers from as far north as Birmingham, and south from Florida and Mobile. The Lab as its name implies, performs diagnoses only, and then refers owners back to their veterinarians for treatment.

For pastime, Dr. and Mrs. McCreary tend flowers. Their own home yard as well as the grounds around the Lab reflect their interest in trees, shrubbery, etc., and especially roses. He has transported various trees from his farm in Brooklyn and put them out at the Lab. These include a species of fir and chinquapin, as well as pecan and bay trees.

The McCrearys were also honored with a surprise dinner party on January 23rd at a Troy restaurant.

It serves producers only, those who raise animals for market sale - and would not, for example, accept a sick kitten or puppy from an individual. The service is free, since it is a State-operated facility.

Besides Dr. McCreary, the staff consists of Mrs. Grace Taylor, Mr. Harold Moody, Mr. Jimmy Martin and Mr. Johnny Mullins. They have seen all kinds of animals at the Lab - including earthworms, quail, peacocks, woodchucks and a porcupine, as well as the common cow, pigs, cows, etc.

A happy day for farmers - the eradication of hog cholera - was accomplished during the time Dr. McCreary was director of the Elba Lab. This program involved both State and Federal personnel, as well as the part Dr. McCreary played in it.

Upon his retirement, the staff at the Lab presented Dr. McCreary with an inscribed pocket watch and a utility trailer.

Mrs. Grace Taylor, Mr. Jimmy Martin, Dr. McCreary, Mr. Harold Moody, Mr. Johnny Mullins with the trailer.



MRS. GRACE TAYLOR, MR. JIMMY MARTIN, DR. MC-CREARY, MR. HAROLD MOODY, MR. JOHNNY MULLINS WITH THE TRAILER.

who lives in Enterprise. She is married to Roy Ward, and they have four children. This family is also a vital part of Miss Mantel's painting.

His successor is not known at the present time, but a new director will be appointed in the near future.

## AUTO LOANS

1915 Buick	1926 Kissel	1937 LaSalle	1948 Dodge	1956 Dodge	1964 Chevrolet
1916 Oldsmobile	1927 Jordan	1938 Ford	1949 Ford	1957 Thunderbird	1965 Marlin
1917 Oakland	1928 Ford Model "A"	1939 Packard	1950 Pontiac	1958 DeSoto	1966 Mustang
1918 Ford Model "T"	1929 Plymouth	1940 Mercury	1951 Nash Rambler	1959 Rambler	1967 Plymouth VIP
1919 Franklin	1930 Cord	1941 Plymouth	1952 Plymouth	1960 Valiant	1968 Pontiac Firebird
1920 Chevrolet	1931 Durant	1942 Lincoln	1953 Mercury	1961 Willys	1969 AMX
1921 Case	1932 Essex	1943 Military Amphibian	1954 Chrysler	1962 Falcon	1970 Ford Torino
1922 Mercer	1933 Dodge	1944 Willys Jeep	1971 Le Sabre	1972 Ford	1973 Chevrolet
1923 Stearns	1934 Chrysler Airflow	1945 Staff Car (Ford)	1974 Cutlass		
1924 Chandler	1935 Cadillac	1946 DeSoto			
1925 Locomobile	1936 Terraplane	1947 Kaiser			

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Tom Casaday, County Extension Chairman

### BERMUDAGRASS LAWS

Whit Carmichael at Triangle Florist in Enterprise asked me about some of the newer and improved Bermudagrass varieties for lawns. I talked with Dr. Ronald Walker about recommended varieties for south Alabama. He recommended Pfluey No. 40, Tifgreen No. 328 and Tifawn 57. These grasses must be planted in an open area. They will not grow in shaded areas. You cannot buy seed; they must be sprigged. Nurseries in the area should either have these varieties or can get them for homeowners. For shaded or even partially shaded lawns, I would stick with centropia, St. Augustine or Zoysia grasses.

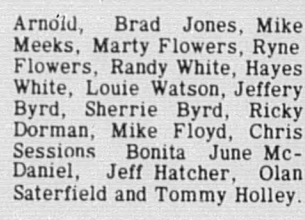
### BEF CATTLE SHORTCOURSE

The annual Coffee County Beef Cattle Production Shortcourse will be held February 10, 12, and 13 at the Enterprise State Junior College. Arrangements have been made for these to be held in the Multi-Purpose Room. We are expecting a large turnout of interested beef cattle producers.

The first session will be held on Tuesday night, February 10, and continue on Thursday night, the 12th, and then we will skip a week until the 19th to conclude the shortcourse. Specialists assisting will be Dr. Bob McCreary, Chairman of the Animal Science Division, Dr. B. G. Ruffin, Nutrition Specialist, Dr. Lee Alley, Veterinarian, Dr. Richard Deane, Performance Testing Specialist, and Mr. Bob Whittenburg, 4-H Livestock Specialist, who will cover the steer and heifer shows.

### ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

With the growing demand for our country's resources, proper education of the people to achieve more efficient use of these resources is needed. Environmental education needs to be made just as high in priority as reading, writing, and arithmetic, because if we do not take care of our natural resources the other lessons



COFFEE

### NEMATODE CONTROL

Perry Smith, our vegetable gardening specialist at Auburn, recommends that just about every garden crop you think of should be treated for nematodes. One material, Funn-D, is ideal for the home gardener. It comes in a gallon can and is used at the rate of ounces per 100 feet of row. This means that a gallon will treat about 2,000 feet of garden space. The land is prepared, the furrows are opened up, the material is put out and then covered. Planting can take place ten days to two weeks later. You might need to practice putting it out using water to begin with to get the ounce per 100 feet of row accurate.

### COFFEE CONSERVATION

The ladies' Auxiliary of the Coffee County SAECD held a meeting December 22, 1975 at the Coffee County Agriculture Center. The purpose of the meeting was to formulate plans for the poster contest the ladies are sponsoring in our county during the month of February.

The theme for the contest will be "Conservation Through the Ages." Those participating will be the 4th grade students in the county and city schools. Neatness, artistic ability, and ideas pertaining to the conservation theme will all score high in the judging.

### ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

It is the hope of all those involved in this effort that the parents will encourage their 4th grade to participate, since this is a learning experience. We must all realize the need to create ways to protect and conserve our resources for the future generations as the generations before have done for us. Hopefully by training our young our world will be a better place.

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# Sports

## Notes From THE BENCH

Ricky Mulaz

Sports Editor

## TIGERS AIN'T DOWN YET!

Just when I was getting ready to write off Elba's basketball team as hopeless, they go out and play one of their finest games of the year and rout a good Kinston team 78-60. It's hard to believe a team that loses two straight games by 32 and 28 points can get it back together in only one week. The win over Kinston left Elba with a 7-10 record. I'll admit that's not too good a record but Elba has a better team than their record might indicate. When is the last time you can remember Elba beating Troy twice in one season, and Enterprise and New Brockton in the same year? Those are three impressive foes for any team, and to beat them is certainly something to boast about.

A loss is a loss, and I'm not one to make excuses, but several of Elba's losses came in games the Tigers could have won easily. Included in this list is a two-point loss to Opp, a three-point loss to Florala, a one-point defeat to Laverne, and a five-point loss to Geneva. In the loss to Geneva, Elba hit on only 19 of 60 shots. On any normal night, Elba would have won easily. But, no excuses.

Elba's Terry Barnes poured in 35 points in the win over Kinston, hitting on 13 of 16 shots from the floor. Terry's performance is one of the best I can remember an Elba player having in many years. If Terry, only a junior, can continue to improve, Tiger fans are in for quite a treat in games to come.

This Friday night Elba faces a tough foe when Red Level comes to town. Red Level has a 17-2 record, and has beaten such teams as Andalusia, New Brockton, Opp and Geneva. A win over Red Level would certainly help ease the pain of 10 losses!

If you haven't seen Elba play this season, why not come out tomorrow night (Friday) and see two good teams battle it out. Admission to Elba basketball games is only \$1.00 (adults) and 50¢ (students), making it one of the least expensive, and most exciting, means of entertainment around.

## SEE YA THERE!!!

## PREP ROUND-UP

There was plenty of basketball action in the area last week, with very few upsets.

The Zion Chapel Rebels polished off two opponents to up their record to 8-5. The wins came over Louisville, 65-57, and Brantley, 50-50. The Rebels' two wins were accomplished with true team effort. In the wins Tim Sanders poured in a total of 32 points, Paul White had 23 points, and Payton Bowl and Randolph Moutry tallied 22 each. If ZC can continue to play using a team effort, they could be hard to beat.

New Brockton split their two games last week, losing to Andalusia 57-55, and beating Enterprise 54-51. In the loss to Andalusia (14-6), the Gamecocks battled the SAC champs on even terms throughout the game, only to lose in the final 45 seconds. Against Enterprise, the Gamecocks had to come from behind in the fourth quarter to claim the narrow victory. Of New Brockton's six losses, only one came to a Class A school.

Ashford (17-3) made themselves a 3A contender by upsetting Dothan, 49-48. The Yellow Jackets are just one of many strong teams in the Wiregrass area.

Opp found the going a little too tough last week, and lost two games. The Robots fell to Florala 67-64, and Laverne 55-48, but still boast a 14-5 record.

Andalusia continues to roll right along by crushing Straghan, 67-38. The Bulldogs are 13-3, and appear headed for a showdown with Ashford.

## THE CLIPPER POLL

A coach up in North Alabama publishes a poll each week in which he ranks the Top 10 basketball teams in the state. I don't know much about the teams up in the northern part of the state, but I think I know quite a bit about the teams in South Alabama.

Here is my "Top 5" in all four classes, made up from teams in districts I, II, III, and IV (southern sub-state).

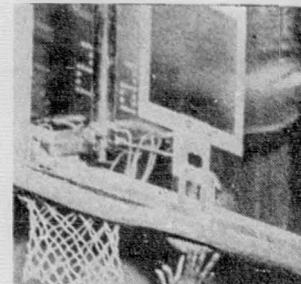
CLASS 4A: 1. Central of Phenix City 2. Dothan 3. Jeff Davis 4. Murphy 5. Selma.

CLASS 3A: 1. Andalusia 2. Ashford 3. Livingston 4. Union Springs 5. Evergreen.

CLASS 2A: 1. Headland 2. St. Jude 3. Florala 4. J. F. Shields 5. Laverne.

CLASS A: 1. Red Level 2. Rebecca Comer 3. New Brockton 4. Clio 5. New Site.

I'm sure I've left out some good teams, but as the season draws to an end, my standings might prove quite interesting.



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## Geneva Upsets

### Tigers 45-38

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Elba came out playing good ball early in the game and took a 14-10 lead after one quarter of play. However, the Tigers' play began to get sloppy in the second period and Geneva roared back into the upper hand in the third quarter, and the lead sea-sawed between the two SAC-rivals. At the end of the third quarter the score remained tied at 33-33.

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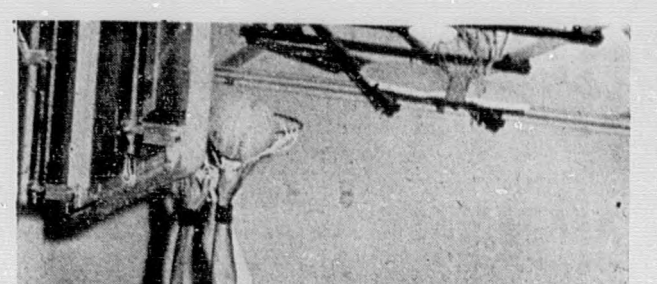
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The win ups Elba's record to 7-10 while the loss leaves Kinston with an 11-11 slate.

Kinston took an early 3-2 lead, but Elba used an aggressive man-to-man defense to explode into a 10-3 lead with 4:01 left in the opening stanza. Elba began to get into foul trouble late in the first quarter but owned a commanding 17-7 lead after one quarter of play.

Elba changed into a zone defense in the second quarter, and pulled away to a 25-17 lead with 3:17 left in the half. Kinston rallied late in the second period but trailed Elba 38-26 at halftime.

Kinston scored four quick points in the third quarter to cut the deficit to 38-30, but Elba's Jimmy Marson poured in six unanswered points to give the Tigers a 44-30 lead.

With 4:11 left in the third quarter Elba held a 47-36 lead, but Kinston jumped into a press and finally closed the game with a 44-42 lead.

Elba (78): D. Smith 6, Phillips 2, Ted Barnes 11, Goosby 8, Terry Barnes 35, J. Smith 2, Marson 6, Daniel Edwards 4, Simmons, Neil Cooper, Jean Parks, James H. Killingsworth, Maurice Morgan, D. Grant, Mable Taylor, Jessie L. Peavey, J. N. Wilkerson, William Powell, Julian Gray, Gary Parker, Rhoda Hudson, Emma Goodson, Sonia Lee, Louis Parker, Cliff Helms, Roy Brown, Lanny Johnson, James Scarborough, William A. Bulard, Willie Pearl, Hodge, Una, Bullard, L. Clark, Louise Cox, Annie Cole, Sarah Sexton, James L. Wise, April Grant, Jeff Crocker, Sam Sheppard, Sherry McLeod, Ester Mae Morrow, Della Howell, Mary Deason, Buster White.

Those discharged during the game were: Foy Lindsey, Maurine Morgan, Mable Taylor, Rhoda Hudson, Jimmie Brownlee, Danny Johnson, Frank Jordan, Jessie Peavey (expired), Barbara Flowers, Marjorie Harrison, Lee A. Brooks, Shirley Jones, Mary Smith, Robert Lane, Granham, Mary Deason, Buster White, James Skinner, Ella Jeter, Betty Bozeman, Lela Bell Walcott.

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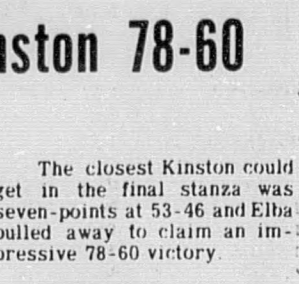
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## Bar-be-que Set At New Hope School

There will be a bar-be-que on Saturday, February 28, at New Hope School. Proceeds from the event will be used to purchase additional books for the school library. Area parents are attempting to upgrade the school library to assist in getting the school accredited. Advance tickets may be purchased from any student or teacher at New Hope. Serving for owners of advance tickets will be from 11:00 until 12:30, and door ticket serving and bar-be-que by the pound will last from 12:30 until sold out.

## FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT NEXT WEEK

## Kleinerts To Expand Elba Plant

Kleinert's of Elba will announce an expansion of 300-350 people early next week, according to statements by company officials. Meeting with city officials and members of the Industrial Board has been scheduled, and an official announcement will be made at that time. Company officials have promised a detailed news release at the special meeting with city officials. Meanwhile, bits of information have leaked out. Involved in the expansion of the local plant will be the transferring of some responsibilities from the company's North Carolina plant to Elba. Also, requests are being made for state funds for a special training department for the additional machine operators. These funds are available and approval is expected.

Expansion of the huge building has not been announced, but it has been discussed that the parking lot needs to be expanded to accommodate the additional automobiles.

Kleinert's, which is listed on the American Stock Exchange, works a large number of people in the Elba area. The plant worked full force during the recent recession that saw many industries cutting back on production due to a drop in demand for products. During the past year, Kleinert's employed an average of 625 production workers.

## Commissioners Approve Clerk For Sheriff

The Coffee County Commission met for its regular session on Monday, February 9. All members were present. One contract was awarded to Petroleum Enterprises for propane gas at \$1.76 per gallon, with the understanding that the price would go up or down, according to the price changes in gas.

The Commission voted to buy a cassette recorder for the Sheriff's Office to replace one which was stolen. The original machine was bought with LEPA money for \$160.00. They also voted to allocate \$100 to the South Alabama State Fair for prize money, and to enter into two agreements with the State of Alabama, one being flood repair work that the county is not able to do; the other is a sign project on a 90-10 basis.

At Commissioner Don Smith's suggestion, the members discussed putting up a Bicentennial flag at the New Brockton Farm Center. This flag, the pole, installation, and report back to the Commission.

Sherriff Neil Grantham requested and received proposals of a full-time clerk's position, and paid for the jail's upstairs section, with the prisoners to do the painting.

He also asked for a typewriter with a long carriage, and the Commission authorized this also.

Other business included numerous county residents requesting work to be done to repair roads, remove trees, do something about water being turned off a public road, drainage problems, and to move some dirt. The county engineer, Bernard Richburg, was to look into these various problems.

The Commission will be grand finale to a gala celebration week during which choral directors from the entire United States will study and perform and hear American choral works of two centuries under the leadership of some of the country's most noted authorities and conductors. Numerous foreign countries are attending as official musical ambassadors, and observers. Chorus members representing many facets of U.S. grassroots musical life will perform: a children's choir, a choir, a sacred harp group, etc.

Participation in the chorus is an important honor and exciting opportunity for the singers, considering the thousands of choral musicians in each state and the fact that only four of these may be elected to go to the national celebration. ACDA has over 6,000 choral direct members.

In the letter Butts wrote, "Recognizing that no one can ever adequately replace Judge Paul I nevertheless feel that I have something to offer."

The letter also included a statement that I firmly and honestly pledge to the people of Pike and Coffee Counties a fair, equal and impartial administration of the law."

Accompanying the letter were Butts' eight years of private law practice, six years as Elba City Judge, one year as Kinston City Judge, two years as Judge of Inferior Court and Judge of Juvenile Court. The latter two positions he is holding at present.

He has been a member of the Democratic Executive Committee for six years and is a member of a number of par Associations and is presently serving as a member of the Review Committee of Policies and Procedures of the Alabama State Bar Exam.

## UTILITY BOARD PONDERS SELLING BONDS

## Rate Increase Recommended

The Elba Water and Electric Board met Tuesday night and announced a visit to the meeting by a large group of utility users failed to materialize. Mr. Gertrude Boswell said his usage had jumped 25% higher than it had ever been before, and this was out of line with other owners of all-electric homes. The Board told Boswell that its employees would do everything possible to help him find the reason for the high usage, but that he would have to secure private electricians to check the system "past the meter."

The discussion with Boswell came after the members of the Board had heard bond attorney Billy Marx say that before Elba could successfully sell bonds for some needed construction of electric lines, additional revenue must be scheduled. Marx noted that Elba's water rates were lower than average and suggested these rates be raised to insure the ability to repay the borrowed money. He said Elba needed an additional \$25,000, and again suggested this could be raised by increasing the water rates.

Board Chairman Charles Hayes suggested that a water engineer be consulted on the matter and no action be taken until the matter had been studied further. He indicated the Board needed to move fast and he would call a special meeting to discuss it when further information was ready.

Board members were presented with the monthly statement of condition of the department. This report indicated the electric department had total sales of electricity of \$68,764.41 and operating expenses of \$62,706.51, leaving a "profit" of \$6,057.90.

The water department reported sales of \$7,447.26 and expenses of \$6,805.83. This left a "profit" of \$641.43. There was no income to the Water and Electric Board from the sewer system. All this money goes to the City General Fund. However, expenses of maintaining the system cost the Board \$1,786.42.

Combine these three divisions, and the department showed a profit of \$5,320.34. This "profit" is used to repay funds borrowed in years past to construct and upgrade the system.

Current bills presented and approved for payment totaled \$4,622.67. Chairman Hayes noted that this was down considerably from past months, and he attributed the reduction to the concerted efforts of City Clerk Jack Prescott and Superintendent Ed Compton.

Board members briefly discussed the present late charges and the strict deadline (10th of the month). Hayes acknowledged the penalty was high, "but we did that on purpose, and it is working." He said the late charge was to encourage people to pay on time, and the delinquent accounts had dropped since the increase in late charges.

## Whitman Not To Seek Re-Election

A surprise announcement was made this week by Coffee County Commissioner Flournoy Whitman, the dean of the Coffee County Commission. After many years of serving the people of Coffee County, Whitman has announced he will not be a candidate for re-election. The following is a prepared statement he released this week.

TO THE PEOPLE OF COFFEE COUNTY: After much serious consideration, I have decided not to run for re-election as your Commissioner from District #2. This has not been an easy decision for me to make after having been elected to serve in this office for seven consecutive terms.

During my terms in office, I have tried to serve you good people of the County with an open mind to all your problems and requests in any way that I could. Through the Commissioner's Court, my work with the former Commissioners, as well as the present ones, has been very pleasant. I have tried very hard not to disappoint any of you with my services.

Thank you very much for giving me the privilege and honor of representing you for the past 28 years. I appreciate the confidence you placed in me, as well as the full cooperation you have given me during this time.

## COOKIE SALE ENDS

Girl Scout leaders remind everyone of this as the last week of the current Girl Scout cookie sale, Saturday being the last day.

## Mrs. Ringo Honored By BPW

Mrs. Luna Dell Ringo was chosen as Elba's 1976 Woman of Achievement at the Elba Country Club last Monday night, February 9. The program was sponsored by the Elba Business and Professional Women's Club, of which Mrs. Ringo is a member. Mrs. Mable Lawless presided at the ceremony.

Several Women of Achievement honored in past years were introduced and an enjoyable dinner and program was enjoyed by all those attending. Mrs. Betty Adkinson, Mrs. John D. Lowery and Mrs. Nellie Martin presented an interesting "This Is Your Life" program to the many friends and relatives of Mrs. Ringo's. Mrs. Ringo moved to Elba at an early age and has contributed greatly to the community. She was educated in Elba and worked for several firms up until 1939. After the death of her husband, Price Ringo, she returned to work at Dorsey Trailers where she remained until 1962.

Upon retiring, Mrs. Ringo has busied herself with social, religious and civic endeavors. In addition to the BPW Club, she is a member of the Elba Music Lovers Club, Azalea Garden Club, Homemakers Club, Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society, D.A.R., American Association of Retired Persons and Eastern Star.

Mrs. Ringo has contributed many hours to worthwhile projects, and her dedication to church and its work is well known by those who know and love her.

The Commission will be grand finale to a gala celebration week during which choral directors from the entire United States will study and perform and hear American choral works of two centuries under the leadership of some of the country's most noted authorities and conductors. Numerous foreign countries are attending as official musical ambassadors, and observers. Chorus members representing many facets of U.S. grassroots musical life will perform: a children's choir, a choir, a sacred harp group, etc.

Participation in the chorus is an important honor and exciting opportunity for the singers, considering the thousands of choral musicians in each state and the fact that only four of these may be elected to go to the national celebration. ACDA has over 6,000 choral direct members.

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He has been a member of the Democratic Executive Committee for six years and is a member of a number of par Associations and is presently serving as a member of the Review Committee of Policies and Procedures of the Alabama State Bar Exam.

## Mary Collier In Chorus

Mary Collier has been named a member of the state divisions of the American Choral Directors Association. National Bicentennial Chorus. Each state in the United States will send a quartet to form the two-hundred voice chorus, which will perform a commissioned work by the eminent composer-conductor, Lukas Foss at the National Music Camp, Interlochen, Michigan, the week of July 19, 1976. Foss will rehearse and conduct the Bicentennial Chorus and the only regulation on the expenses of the chorus members will be that the interlochen celebration will be paid by the association.

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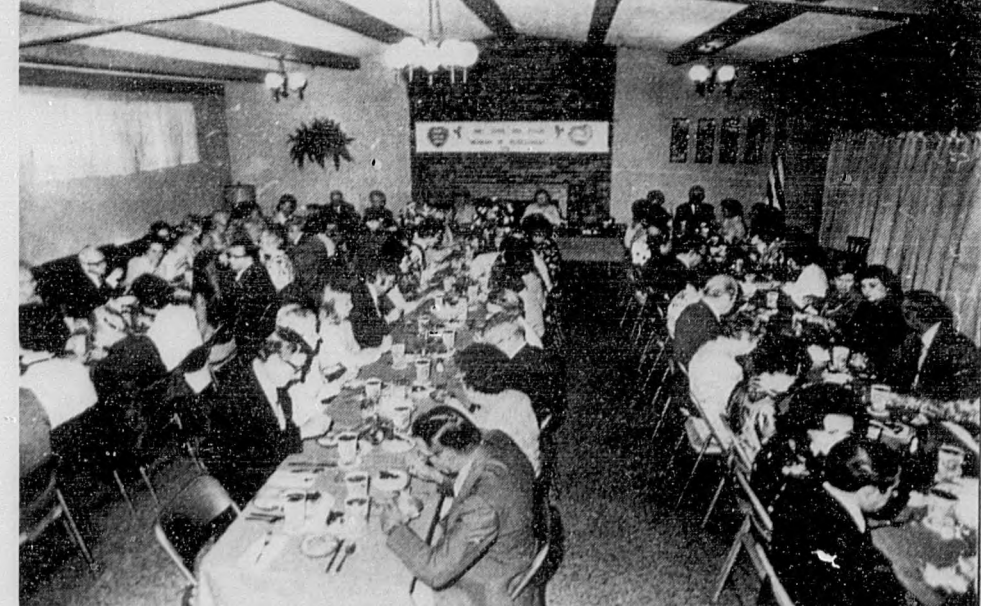
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MRS. RINGO WITH SISTERS



FULL HOUSE AT BANQUET



MRS. RINGO, LEFT, RECEIVES TROPHY FROM MRS. BETTY ADKINSON WHILE MRS. MABLE LAWLESS LOOKS ON.